

# SOME LIVING PIONEERS.

William Gardner, the subject of this sketch was a pioneer and the son of a pioneer. His father, Robert Gardner, was born in England, October 12, 1812, and emigrated to Canada with his parents afterwards, journeying to Nauvoo, arriving there in 1846.

Mr. Gardner, with his family, followed the trail of the Mormons across the state of Iowa. On May 22, 1846, the company camped near Hannapah in a terrible rain storm. The water flooded around the wagons and out of



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doors, exposed to the inclemency of the weather the boy William was born on the above date. The family subsequently journeyed onward, undertaking the main body of Saints near the Missouri river. In the spring of 47 they left Winter Quarters, traveling across the prairies with ox teams.

While crossing the river at Fort Bridger the child William fell out of the wagon, and his mother's wheels ran over his ankles. Miracles and marvels of providence were made of Cedar berries and he recovered in a few days. His recovery in a few days was quite well. He recovered and the child was well and happy for a good purpose.

The family was moved to Salt Lake valley October 1, 1847. William Gardner has ever been an active and energetic man and has occupied many positions of trust.

He has been a member of the church for seven years and is still active in the church of his father and for seven years was bishop of the Valley ward in Salt Lake City and is now residing in Salt Lake City.

He has a family of seven children, 2 of whom are still living. He has one daughter and two sons. He is now 84 years of age.

The wife of William Gardner, Mrs. William Gardner, was born in New England, with William Gardner and his family, that he is a worthy son of a worthy sire, and should therefore be classed amongst notable pioneers.